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SUBJ: CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE: STUDENT PROGRAM- FACULTY
DEVELOPMENT

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1. COMMISSION CONSIDERED REFTELS AT MARCH 18 MEETING. ALTHOUGH NO
FINAL DECISIONS TAKEN, AGREED TO TAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
AND INFORMATITN REFTELS INTO CONSIDERATION IN ADMINISTRATION OF
COMMISSION PROGRAM IN FUTURE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

A. COSTS OF GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAMS: RECOGNIZED PROBLEMS CAUSED
BY RISING COSTS WHICH OUTPACING INFLATION RATE AND AGREED TO EXPLORE
POSSIBILITIES FOR REDUCING COSTS SUCH AS PROPOSED LASPAU RELATIONSHIP,

ALTHOUGH DOES NOT WISH TO COMMIT ITSELF TO THIS AT THIS TIME FOR
REASONS STATED BELOW.

B. MARGINALITY: MEMBER RAISED QUESTION OF QUALITY OF 2PER CENT
WHICH FULBRIGHT GRANTEES MAKE UP VERSUS REST OF 98 PERCENT, WONDERED
WHETHER OVERALL STUDY HAD CONSIDERED THAT THIS SMALL GROUP HAS GONE
THROUGH RIGOROUS SELECTION PROCESS AND FITS COMMISSION'S PRIORITY
FIELDS, WHILE MAJORITY CONSISTS OF MIXED BAG OF PRIVATE STUDENTS AND
OTHERS SELECTED UNDER CRITERIA WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT FALL IN
COMMISSION PRIORITIES.

C. LASPAU: GENERALLY FAVORABLE REACTION TO TIE-IN INSOFAR AS
IT WOULD FOLLOW COMMISSION PRIORITIES, COMMIT GRANTEES TO RETURN TO
THEIR INSTITUTIONS (FACULTY DEVELOPMENT). CHILEAN UNIVERSITIES
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WOULD AFFORD OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP AND SOME FORM OF FINANCING TO

OFFSET TOTAL COSTS, FOMENT MUTUALITY AND INSTITUTIONAL LINKAGES.
ALTHOUGH QUESTION NOT RAISED AT BOARD MEETING, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT

THAT - AS STATE 048978 ASSURES - "POSTS/COMMISSIONS WOULD PARTICIPATE
IN SCREENING AND NOMINATION PROCESS AND WOULD DECIDE ON THOSE
CANDIDATES TO BE AWARDED FULBRIGHT-HAYS GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
OBJECTIVES OF COUNTRY PROGRAM."

D. MID-CAREER PROFESSIONALS: ACADEMICALLY-INCLINED GROUP DID NOT
REACT SIGNIFICANTLY TO PROPOSALS ALONG THESE LINES. HOWEVER, AS
DEPARTMENT AWARE, EMBASSY IS SUCCESSFULLY EXPLORING THIS FIELD AS
RELATED TO PROPOSED LATF AND CIES MID-CARRER PROGRAMS. FACULTY
DEVELOPMENT ASPECT, ESPECIALLY AS IT TIES IN WITH LOCAL UNIVERSITY
PARTICIPATION, RECEIVED MORE ENTHUSIASTIC REACTION.

2. FIRST MEETING OF YEAR, WITH THREE NEW MEMBERS, WAS NOT
APPROPRIATE TIME TO ATTEMPT IMPOSING TOO MANY NEW APPROACHED TO
FULBRIGHT PROGRAMMING. HOWEVER, OUR READING OF BOARD REACTIONS IS
THAT MOST OF PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS MADE IN REFTELS MAKE SENSE TO
MEMBERS AND THEREFORE COMMISSION CAN AT THIS TIME REGISTER ITS
INTEREST IN FURTHER EXPLORING LASPAU RELATIONSHIP PENDING FULLER
CLARIFICATION OF ALL THIS IMPLIES, WHICH HOPEFULLY CAN BE CLEARED
UP WITH VISITING LASPAU REPRESENTATIVE. CU CPP WILL TENTATIVELY
INCLUDE FULBRIGHT-HAYS/LASPAU GRANTS FOR 1977 PENDING FINAL
DECISION BY COMMISSION.
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